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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-21 are rejected and claim 12 is objected to in the Office Action of September 6, 2007. Claims 1, 2 and 5-21 are amended herein to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants regard as the invention.

Re: Objection to Claim 12

Claim 12 is objected to because of an informality. In particular, the Examiner alleges that there is a preposition missing in the phrase "the format preferences text preferences." Claim 12 is amended herein to rectify this matter. In view of this amendment, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Re: Rejection of Claims 12-15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 12-15 and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, claims 12-15 are directed towards a system, but are dependent on claims 7 and 9, which are method claims. Moreover, claims 17-21 are directed towards a computer program on a computer readable medium, but are dependent on claim 15, which is a system claim. Claims 12-15 and 17-21 are amended herein to rectify these matters. In view of these amendments, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Re: Rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,149,982 issued to Duperrouzel et al. (hereinafter, "Duperrouzel"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

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Applicants first note that amended independent claims 1, 5, 11 and 16 recite:

"e.   automatically saving a current state of the viewer adjustable setting in the memory <u>in response to a signal for exiting the web page</u>" (emphasis added; see claim 1),

"b.   automatically storing the user-preferred format setting in association with a URL for the web page <u>in response to a signal for exiting the web page</u>" (emphasis added; see claim 5),

"c.   means for automatically storing a current user adjustable format preference for the web page <u>in response to a signal for exiting the web page</u>" (emphasis added; see claim 11), and

"a.   a code segment for receiving user adjustable format selections for a displayed web page, and for automatically storing a current user adjustable format selection in association with a URL for the displayed web page <u>in response to a signal for exiting the displayed web page</u>" (emphasis added; see claim 16).

As indicated above, independent claims 1, 5, 11 and 16, as amended herein, recite a feature in which a "viewer adjustable setting" (claim 1)/"user-preferred format setting" (claim 5)/"user adjustable format preference" (claim 11)/"user adjustable format selections" (claim 16) for a web page is/are automatically stored <u>in response to a signal for exiting the web page</u>. Support for this feature may be found, for example, on page 8, lines 6-8 of Applicants' disclosure.

Duperrouzel fails to teach or suggest, *inter alia*, the aforementioned feature of independent claims 1, 5, 11 and 16. In particular, Duperrouzel teaches a technique in which a user may choose to manually store a "snapshot" (i.e., configuration settings) associated with a web page (see FIG. 11 and column 13, lines 21-59). That is, Duperrouzel requires users to decide whether or not they want to store the current configuration settings associated with a web page (i.e., take a "snapshot" thereof) while viewing the web page. In contrast to Duperrouzel, the claimed invention automatically stores such configuration settings for a web page <u>in response to a signal for exiting the web page</u>. This feature of the claimed invention

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advantageously allows users to adjust configuration settings for a web page while viewing the web page, with the understanding that the most current configuration settings will be automatically stored upon leaving the web page. This advantageously eliminates the need for users to decide whether or not they want to store the current configuration settings associated with a web page (i.e., take a "snapshot" thereof) while viewing the web page, as required by Duperrouzel. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 5, 11 and 16 and their respective dependent claims are deemed novel and non-obvious over Duperrouzel, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.
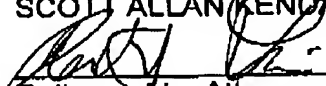
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks/arguments and accompanying amendments, the Applicants believe this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled. No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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